large number of devotees from distant places were attracted in all parts of the year and especially in the month of Kumbhom when a ten days' festival was celebrated there. He said that the absence of a satrom and good wells in the locality was very much felt by the pilgrims.

Reply.—An estimate amounting to Rs. 3,500 for sinking two wells at Mandakad has been sanctioned. No funds are available in the current year. The work will be taken in hand as early as practicable. A satrom has also been sanctioned for the place, though its utility seems doubtful. Further information will be called for.

262. Extension of the site of the Monday Market and the removal of certain inconveniences existing there at present.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai urged that this market which was one of the most important in South Travancore should be made more spacious, that efficient arrangements should be made for water-supply there for which there was even now some provision, and that the cattle brought there for sale should be ordered to be stalled only in specified localities.

Reply.—Beyond removing certain long-allowed encroachments now under investigation by the Revenue department, Government do not think that any acquisition of land for enlarging the market site is necessary. The other points mentioned will be considered.

263. Shifting the Colachel sub-registrar's office to Karingal.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai represented that the Colachel sub-registrar had jurisdiction over Midalam, Colachel and Nattalam and that as such Karingal would be a more central place for holding his office.

Reply.—The site proposed by the member is only 6 miles from the Eraniel registration office. Colachel being a sea-port town, the present arrangement cannot be disturbed.

264. Restoration of Manamari tanks in Edanad and provision of feeding cauls.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai (Eraniel) observed that Eraniel was the taluk which suffered most from failure of water. Hence, it was necessary to remove the silt from and otherwise restore all the Manamari tanks of Edanad in general and of that taluk in particular. He

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requested that feeding cauls also might be provided for these tanks.

Reply.—The Divisional Officer is paying all attention to the matter. Your representation will be brought to his notice.

265. Extension of the Erattakara caul.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai represented that this was one of the subjects brought up last year. If the proposed caul were opened, it would serve all the paddy fields from Thiruvancode to Rajakamangalam and about 5000 kottas of land would be saved from failure of crops.

Reply.—This work has been sanctioned as part of the Kodayar Project but it is not contemplated to carry out the same at present as it must wait its turn.

266. Erection of a satrom at Trivandrum for travellers.

This subject which stood in the name of *Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai* was withdrawn by him.

267. Construction of a road from the Karingal Market via Kuzhikod to Thiruvancode.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai represented that Karingal is an important place in the Padmanabhapuram Division containing a useful and much frequented market. It was necessary to open a road for the convenience of the people from this market to Thiruvancode, which is a commercial centre. A trace had already been made but nothing more was done. The member requested that this work might be urgently undertaken.

Reply.—This will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

268. Irregularities of the Settlement Department.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai represented that the settlement of Eraniel taluk was more complicated than that of others, owing to the existence of such rights as the Oodukooru. But it had to be observed with regret that in no other taluk was settlement work pushed on with so much hurry as here. The consequence of this was that the local settlement authorities could not help being guilty of innumerable irregularities, omissions and commissions, and it looked as if the whole settlement work of the taluk was in utter confusion and chaos. Out

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